

Lamoine Board of Selectmen



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Minutes – May 31, 2017

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School gym following adjournment of a special town meeting.

Present were: Selectmen S. Josephine Cooper, Gary McFarland, Robert Christie, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Gallegos, Local Plumbing Inspector Michael Jordan, School Committee Chair Brett Jones, Comprehensive Planning Committee member Kathryn Gaianguest and Recreation Committee Chair Greg Stone. Selectmen Nathan Mason had informed the board that he was unable to attend due to his daughter's senior banquet at the same time.

Agenda Review – No change to the printed agenda was proposed.

Minutes – May 18, 2017 – Bob moved to approve as presented. Kathleen 2nd. Vote in favor was 4-0.

Expenditure Warrant 24 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$10,908.01.

Cash & Budget Reports – Stu reported excise tax is already \$37,000 over budget with the month of June left to collect. He said there will be a bill on a near future warrant for installation of a new toilet at the town hall as the old toilet had failed.

Quitclaim Deed – Gary moved to sign a quitclaim deed for tax acquired property to Deborah Kane following approval by the just completed special town meeting. Stu said he would file the deed once payment is received. Ms. Gaianguest graciously witnessed the signatures.

Uncollected Personal Property Taxes – Stu reported that town attorney Tony Beardsley has advised the board to write-off the 2011/12 personal property tax assessed to Adam Fronczak as uncollectible. Gary so moved, Bob 2nd, **vote in favor was 4-0.** Selectmen signed the write-off order.

Resignation – Michael Jordan – Jo moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Jordan as an elected assessor. Gary 2nd. Stu said accepting the resignation declares a vacancy on the elected board. He suggested that the Selectmen meet with the remaining two assessors to discuss any replacement and future options on June 22nd. Jo said she would like to meet with the assessors. Mr. Jordan said he would like to discuss a personnel matter with the Selectmen in executive session on June 8th. **Vote on favor of the motion to accept Mr. Jordan's resignation was 4-0.**

Code Enforcement Updates – CEO Rick Gallegos reported that he had issued a permit to Burnie Gordon for the reconstruction of a home with a 30% non-conformance expansion on Map 16 lot 27 on May 29th, following payment of the proper fees. Stu noted that the Planning Board had approved placement of the structure on the existing foundation.

Unrestored Gravel Pits – CEO Gallegos reported that restoration on the Gott Little B&H pit is progressing, as is work on the RF Jordan pit. He said a lot of material is going into the Gott pit for slope maintenance. Jo asked if he was monitoring what was happening. Mr. Gallegos answered that he is. Jo asked him to keep the board posted and for another update for the July meeting.

Request from attorney Ed Bearor re: Gott pit. – Stu reported that he put a lengthy letter from Mr. Bearor in the packet for tonight's meeting but didn't have any idea what was going on. Bob asked if the Code Enforcement Officer has seen the letter. Jo said the Planning Board should be made aware. Bob said the land in question appears to be adjacent to the town landfill lot, and said a map would be very useful. Stu said he would request a map from Steve Salsbury. Jo asked if there would be time to address this on June 8th considering that the board will also meet with the Comprehensive Planning Committee. There was discussion about a special meeting. Mr. Jordan said the issue is the setback distance from a pit for which Gott is attempting to renew the license from the previous excavation at the town's pit/landfill lot. Jo said she would prefer to discuss this on June 22nd or at a special meeting. Stu said he would contact Mr. Salsbury to let him know.

Park – Land Offer – Stu reported that the Pinkham family has offered the town a strip of land near the "S" turns on Mud Creek Road to use as a park. He said the next step is for the Board of Selectmen to decide how to proceed. Bob said there could be suggestions from the public and perhaps identify any downside to acquisition. Stu suggested the Selectmen could refer the matter to both the Parks and Conservation Commissions. Kathleen noted there are some zoning issues that might need to be resolved before constructing a park. Jo said the town should thank the family as the picture and the enclosed map makes the offer very clear. Gary moved to refer this to the Parks and Conservations Commissions. Bob 2nd. Mr. Jordan said both boards need to see the offer. Kathryn Gaianguest asked when this might go before the town meeting, and whether it would be soon or would the family have to wait until next year. Jo said there could be a special town meeting. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Paving Contract – Gary moved to authorize Jo to sign a contract with B&B Paving given the approval by the town meeting earlier in the evening. Bob 2nd. **Vote in favor was 4-0.**

Insurance Inspection – Repairs – Stu reported the insurance inspection in March finally game in and there are some repairs needed. He said he would refer the repairs needed at the fire station to Facilities Maintenance Director Gallegos, but the salt/sand shed issues appear to be somewhat significant. Mr. Jordan said he would look that over with Mr. Gallegos.

Other Matters – Gary mentioned that teacher Tim Barlow is retiring officially at the end of the school year and he would like the Selectboard to honor him. He said there may be some sort of recognition event. Stu said he would do up a certificate for the next meeting.

School Committee chair Brett Jones said a piece of land adjacent to the school lot is apparently available. He said Carlton Johnson is looking to sell 7.5 acres which has a right-of-way off Shore Road. He said the asking price is apparently \$26,000. He said the land would give the town a lot of options. Bob noted the town wisely invested when it purchased land from Mr. Johnson years ago where the ballfields now sit. There was a discussion about parking issues in front of the fire station. Stu suggested that the school committee could discuss the option and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, and perhaps a special town meeting could take place.

Next Meetings – The Hodgkins Scholarship subcommittee will meet at 6PM on June 8th, the regular Selectmen's meeting will follow starting at 7PM. The board will meet on June 22nd, July 20, and August 3.

Stu noted that the Fire Department responded to two very serious incidents in neighboring communities in the past three days and did an excellent job. Jo said she'd like to meet at the fire station with the department members. It was suggested that could happen in September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen